

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas W. Nehl, et al.)
Docket No.: DP-309230) Examiner: tbd
Serial No.: 10/643,524)
Filed: August 19, 2003) Art Unit: 3745
Title: PISTON DAMPER ASSEMBLY,)
AND DUST TUBE SUBASSEMBLY,)
HAVING A VELOCITY SENSOR)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115(a)
AND PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants in the above application respectfully claim priority to and all the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of both U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/405,136 and 60/429,592, respectively filed August 21 and November 27, 2002, and request entry of the following Amendment prior to issuance of the first Office Action on the merits in the above application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 following the heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/405,136 filed August 21, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/429,592 filed November 27, 2002, the entire disclosure disclosures of which is are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of additional fee, or payment of additional amount of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc.

Should there be any questions regarding any of the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250.

Respectfully submitted,



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